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A CAD TOOL VENDOR

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments:

Claims 26-40 are pending in the present application.
Claims 26-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being
rendered obvious by U.S. Patent 6,594,799 (Robertson).

No claims are amended herein.